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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF ARTIFICIAL SEA SALTS TO JAPAN

REF: CABLE FROM TOM GOYNE, BLUE ATOLL PRODUCTS, SAN CARLOS,
CALIF.

FOR COMMERCE: PLEASE PASS SOONEST TO TOM GOYNE,
BLUE ATOLL PRODUCTS.
TELEX 348341 SAN CARLOS CALIF 2-242211

SUMMARY: THIS IS RESPONSE TO CABLE INQUIRY FROM BLUE
ATOLL PRODUCTS. BLUE ATOLL PRODUCTS REQUESTED CABLE
RESPONSE. END SUMMARY

1. TWO GOJ AGENCIES INVOLVED WHEN CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
ARE IMPORTED INTO JAPAN ARE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY AND
MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI).
BOTH AGENCIES STATED THAT IN NO CASE WOULD THE DISCLOSURE
OF A FORMULA OR OF THE EXACT CONTENTS OF A PRODUCT
BE REQUIRED.

2. JAPANESE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY NEEDS TO KNOW CHIEF
VALUE OF CONTENTS IN ASSESSING CUSTOM DUTIES. IN CASES
WHERE THE U.S. MANUFACTURER DOES NOT WISH TO SUPPLY
SUCH INFORMATION THE CUSTOMS WILL ARRANGE FOR AN ANALYSIS
OF THE PRODUCT TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS
CLASSIFICATION.

3. MITI ORIGINATED LAW CONCERNING SCREENING OF CHEMICAL
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SUBSTANCES AND REGULATION OF THEIR MANUFACTURE, ETC.

WAS PASSED BY DIET SEPTEMBER 18, 1973 AND WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN SIX MONTHS. THIS LAW SAID TO BE SIMILAR TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL BILL PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY U.S. CONGRESS. UNDER THIS LAW, MITI WILL SOON PUBLISH LIST OF EXISTING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES BASED ON REPORTS FROM DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS, AND THESE CHEMICALS CAN BE MANUFACTURED OR IMPORTED FREELY. ANY CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS LIST WILL BE TREATED AS NEW CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TOXICITY TESTS, AND MANUFACTURER OR IMPORT OF ANY NEW CHEMICAL WILL BE PROHIBITED UNTIL TIME WHEN SAFETY THEREOF IS DETERMINED BY TESTING.

4. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OR FIELD OFFICE NEAREST TO YOU.
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